Welcome To Parker, Colorado

Town of Parker, Parks Department, 303-840-9546

O'Brien Park Memorial Park: Parker; 9 acres. Facilities: swimming pool/bath house, restrooms, lighted softball field, two other playing fields, tennis courts and children's playground. http://www.bwn.net/parker1/recreation/equestrian/salisbury.html

Salisbury Equestrian Park: Located between South Parker and Motsenbocker Roads north of Parker Station subdivision; 172 acres. Facilities: one large, unlighted, multi-purpose field and two equestrian arenas, including the Parker Trail Riders' Rose Taylor Arena.

<u>Community Center Park:</u> Adjacent to the Parker Community Center, with entrance on East Mainstreet; .5 acre. Facilities: gazebo and picnic tables.

Bar CCC Park: On West Mainstreet ("West Parker Rd") in Parker. Facilities: two unlighted, non-regulation, multi-purpose practice fields and access to Cherry Creek Trail.

Trails: The town of Parker has over 8 1/2 miles of paved trail along Cherry Creek. Parker is constructing their portion of the Cherry Creek Trail system, which will in the future link Castlewood and Cherry Creek State Parks, is a priority with town officials. Town zoning and annexation policies also require developers to construct trails and bicycle paths around their residential projects to comply with planned community development policies.









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"THE CHOICE FOR BUSINESS IS PARKER"

Parker, with its booming population and commercial growth, is no longer a bedroom community dependent on nearby Denver for an employment base. It is becoming a very self-sufficient town with a bright economic future.

For several years Parker has experienced strong population growth and boasts the highest average household income in the State of Colorado. In addition to an ever increasing population, Parker has experienced business growth which has helped the town increase its employment base and helped offset the tax burden of residents to pay for services.

The Parker Economic Development Council is a not-for-profit organization working to create an employment and tax base to the benefit of the residents of the Town of Parker. Recent efforts of the PEDC have included the targeting and recruitment of retail-based businesses and offering a variety of training opportunities, and a retail sales tax rebate program available to qualifying businesses. The PEDC also offers a full range of services including site selection, site analysis, financial deal structuring and employment training to name a few.

As a location for business, Parker has an abundance of premium industrial and commercial property. The first section of a new major arterial roadway (Twenty Mile Road) for Parker is constructed and will tie in with the extension of the new West Mainstreet project. The completion of the Twenty Mile Road, coupled with the plans for downtown Parker, has helped make Parker very attractive to relocating industries. The E-470 construction and plans for an entertainment center at E-470 and Parker Road will generate revenue and spur continued economic activity for the Parker area.

Parker is a diverse, growing community with a strong economic future. Although the town is continually changing, it still offers residents and businesses a small-town atmosphere with big-town conveniences. Locating your business to Parker could be the key to your company's economic prosperity.

Working to Keep a Great Lifestyle

by Aden Hogan, Jr. * Town Administrator

In 1995, the citizens of Parker voted to adopt the Council/Manager form of local government. Town Council is elected by the citizens and determines the Town's mission and sets policies. The Council-appointed Town Administrator translates Council's directives into action. I feel fortunate to have been selected to be Parker's first Town Administrator and it is a responsibility that I take seriously. Your local government provides many services including police protection, enforcing laws and regulations, building and maintaining roadways, developing and operating parks and recreation facilities, planning for our future, communicating with our citizens, and performing a variety of necessary support functions to keep all these programs working. An organization simply cannot deliver quality programs and services without good people to plan, develop, implement and maintain them. The Town of Parker has such people at every level working as police officers, park maintenance workers and recreation center staff or behind the scenes.

Citizen involvement in the governmental process is critical to its success. Parker's citizens have demonstrated they are willing to give something back to the community through service on committees, special task forces and in public forums. It is this commitment that has helped Parker mature over the past several years, and will help guide the Town as we move into the future.

Parker offers an exceptional place to live, work and raise a family. Just as any community, we are not without our problems and challenges. But I believe that together, Parker's citizens, elected officials, and Town staff are ready to meet our future and can deal with the issues of keeping Parker a great place to live.

Parker Government - Douglas County, Colorado

The Town of Parker was incorporated in May 1981. In fall 1995, voters elected to change the town's charter from a town mayor to town manager form of government. In February 1996, Aden Hogan was subsequently hired as the first town administrator.

The mayor is selected from the community at-large and serves a four-year term. The six council members are elected at-large and serve four-year staggered terms. Town elections are the Tuesday following the first Monday in April in even-numbered years.

The town council meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parker Council Chambers located in Town Hall at 20120 E. Mainstreet.

Originally named Pine Grove, the community grew up at the confluence of the Smoky Hill and Cherokee Trails, marked by a one-room post office about a mile south of the existing town center.

The town's history has its roots in the stagecoach lines that traversed the area. Settlers were sparse in the 1860s because of the threat posed by Indian tribes in the area.

Lumber and sawmill operations were attractive enterprises in this area of the county because of the dense stands of pine and other trees that dotted the landscape. The post office was moved to the junction of Smoky Hill Trail and the Territorial Road and became known as the Twenty Mile House, which was later purchased by James Sample Parker, for whom the town is named.

The town now includes 13 square miles and has several major shopping center areas and several planned communities.

There are approximately 14,000 residents in incorporated Parker.

Town Council

Mayor Gary Lasater, 840-7172; term expires April 2000. Dave Aldridge, 840-1075; term expires April 2000. Dale Brinker, 841-2156; term expires April 2000. Debbie Lewis, 841-2418 or 841-4663; term expires April 2000. Charles (Chip) Stern, 840-8680; term expires April 1998. Robert Tinnes, 840-2714; term expires April 1998. Lance Wright, 841-8601; term expires April 1998.

Other town officials

Aden Hogan, Jr., Town Administrator, 841-0353.

Mike Connor, Interim Planning Director, 841-2332.

Kathleen Morse, Finance Director, 841-0353.

Bill Sweeney, Public Works Director, 840-9546.

Tom Cornelius, Chief of Police, 841-9800.

Carol Baumgartner, Town Clerk, 841-0353.

Pete Tyree, Building Official, 841-1970.

Jeannene Bybee, Communications Affairs Director, 841-0353.

Jim Maloney, Town Attorney, 841-0353.

Louis Gresh, Municipal Court Judge, 841-0353.

Jim Cleveland, Recreation Director, 841-4500.

Parker Planning Commission members

Board Members: Bob Morris, Ryan Johnson, Daniel Brunner, Bob Lind, Dave Haider, J. Douglas Nash, John Sass, Jr., Dennis Trapp, Fred Hynek, and Paul Marokus.

Council Represenative: Gary Lasater.

The planning commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Town Hall, 20120 E. Mainstreet.

Parker Parks and Recreation Commission members

Board Members: Cliff Burns, Robert White, Rita Dillon, Michael Holweger, Mark Lewis, Jerry Heck, Tracy Wilson, Gregory Waldman, and Carlton Laursen.

Council Represenative: Lance Wright.

Town of Parker Staff: William Sweeney, Jim Cleveland, Joellynn Barclay, Don Walsh, and Pam Knepp.

The Commission meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Parker Mainstreet Center, 19650 E. Mainstreet.

Parker Board of Appeals members

Board Members: Don Niewoehner, Joseph Serafini, George Davis, W.E. Fluhr, C. W. Caston, Patrick Clifford, and Marc Tull.

This Board meets as requested for appeals.

Parker Cultural Commission members

Board Members: Kathy Bruno, Barbara Dervishian, Marj Eggers, Carol Schneider Fennell, Laurie Filo-Jones, Valerie Holden, Theresa Kraser, Diane Preston, and Leslie Ufford.

Council Liaison: Debbie Lewis.

Community Representative: Michael Peterman.

Town of Parker Staff: Jeanneane Bybee and Elise Penington.

The commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Parker Mainstreet Center, 19650 E. Mainstreet.

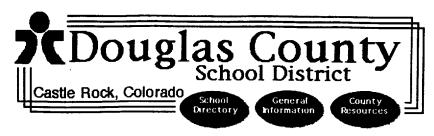
Parker Landmark Commission

Board Members: Terri Clavel, Barbara Darden, Wanda Haider, Alan Kania, Karen Kievit, William Mattocks, and Lori Mellon.

Council Liaison: Dave Aldridge.

Town of Parker Staff: Carol Baumgartner.

This commission meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month a Parker Town Hall, 20120 E. Mainstreet.



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:	Bear Canyon	Principal: Roy	Phone:
	Elementary	Burley	303-471-3600
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	CO 80126		
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-	7075 N. Shoreham	Secretary: Debby	fax: 303-814-4841
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		Mike Jones	303-688-3211
	9244 S. State	Secretary: Tammy	fax: 303-688-8096
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	Franktown, CO		
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-	Elementary	<u>Gilmore</u>	303-471-3635
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	Highlands Ranch,		
	CO 80126		
1	Coyote Creek	Principal: David Ray	Phone:
-	Elementary	Secretary: Dawn	303-471-3670
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	Franktown Elementary 1384 N. State Highway 83 Franktown, CO 80116	Principal: <u>Mike</u> <u>Jones</u> Secretary: Vicky Miller	Phone: 303-814-4800 fax: 303-814-4801
*	Iron Horse Elementary 20151 Tallman Drive Parker, CO 80134	Principal: Mary Jane O'Connell Secretary: Susan Burgr	Phone: 303-805-6835 fax: 303-805-6836
The second of th	<u>Larkspur</u> <u>Elementary</u> 1103 W. Perry Park Avenue Larkspur, CO 80118	Principal: <u>Jill Donley</u> Secretary: Marilou Wilson	Phone: 303-814-4920 fax: 303-814-4921
*	Mountain View Elementary (K-3) 8502 E. Pinery Parkway Parker, CO 80134	Principal: <u>Joanne</u> <u>Law</u> Secretary: Mary Ann Feathers	Phone: 303-805-6670 fax: 303-805-6671
*	Northeast Elementary (4-6) 6598 N. State Highway 83 Parker, CO 80134	Principal: <u>Darlene</u> <u>Dougherty</u> Secretary: Jan Beller	Phone: 303-805-6700 fax: 303-805-6701
	Northridge Elementary 555 South Park Road Highlands Ranch, CO 80126	Principal: <u>Diane</u> <u>Lewis-Farrell</u> Secretary: Cindy Berger	Phone: 303-471-3770 fax: 303-471-3771
= .	Pine Grove Elementary 10450 Stonegate Parkway Parker, CO 80134	Principal: <u>Mike</u> <u>Dubrovich</u> Secretary: Donna Brown	Phone: 303-805-6735 fax: 303-805-6736
*	Pine Lane Primary (K-3) 6475 E. Ponderosa Drive Parker, CO 80134	Principal: <u>Patricia</u> <u>Neel</u> Secretary: Chris Dean	Phone: 303-805-6800 fax: 303-805-6801
	Pine Lane	Interim Principal:	Phone:

Intermediate (4-6) 6450 E. Pine Lane Avenue Parker, CO 80134	<u>Dave Minter</u> Secretary: Ann Arens	303-805-6770 fax: 303-805-6771
Pioneer Elementary	Principal: <u>John</u> <u>Simmons</u> Secretary: Chris Bell	Phone: 303-805-6644 fax: 303-805-6645
Elementary	Principal: Renee Kemker Secretary: Susan Howard	Phone: 303-814-4770 fax: 303-814-4771
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Elementary 8898 Maplewood Drive Highlands Ranch, CO 80126	Judy Guthrie Secretary: Mary Luczu	Phone: 303-471-3838 fax: 303-471-3837
Sedalia Elementary 5449 N. Huxtable Street Sedalia, CO 80135	Johnson Secretary: Eileen	Phone: 303-814-4735 fax: 303-814-4736
Elementary	Secretary: Jean	Phone: 303-814-4700 fax: 303-814-4701
Elementary 10200 S. Piedmont	Moore	Phone: 303-471-3870 fax: 303-471-3871
Elementary 9760 S. Hackberry		Phone: 303-471-3700 fax: 303-471-3701
Wildcat Mountain Elementary	Poole Secretary: Cecilia Pederson	Phone: 303-471-3900 fax: 303-471-3901
Elementary #29 805 W. English Sparrow Trail	Principal: <u>Charlie</u> <u>Denis</u>	Temp Phone: 303-471-3404 fax: 303-471-3401



MIDDLE SCHOOLS

	Castle Rock	Principal: Peggy	Phone:
	Middle School	<u>Schroder</u>	303-814-4400
:	<u>(7-8)</u>	Secretary: Phyllis	fax: 303-814-4298
	2575 Meadows	Dickerson	
	Blvd.		
	Castle Rock, CO		
	80104		
	Cresthill Middle	Principal: Sally	Phone:
	School (7-8)	Stanley	303-471-3000
	9195 Cresthill	Secretary: Paula	fax: 303-471-3001
	Lane	Harkness-Gripe	
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	Parker Vista	Dringing Dalah	Phone:
		Principal: Ralph	303-805-6400
N	Middle School	Montgomery Secretary Andrea	
1	(7-8)	Secretary: Andrea	fax: 303-805-6401
A	6651 Pine Lane	George	
7	Avenue		
	Parker, CO 80138		
j	Parker Vista		Phone:
	West Middle	<u>Tarbell</u>	303-805-6000
1	School	Secretary: Jan	fax: 303-805-6001
	15655 Brookstone	Olearnick	
D	Drive		
7	Parker, CO 80134		
	Ranch View	Principal: Annette	Phone:
in Contract	Middle School	Sulzman	303-471-3400
	(7-8)	Secretary: Krys	fax: 303-471-3401
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HIGH SCHOOLS



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	Chaparral High	Principal: Mary	Phone:
	School (9-10)	<u>Gill</u>	303-805-6000
	15655 Brookstone	Secretary: Denise	fax: 303-805-6001
•	Drive	Radochonski	
	Parker, CO 80134		
	Douglas County High	Principal: Edna	Phone:
	<u>School (9-12)</u>	Doherty	303-814-4500
	2842 Front Street	Secretary: Sharon	fax: 303-814-4501
	Castle Rock, CO 80104	D'Angelo	
	Highlands Ranch High	Principal: Lisle	Phone:
	School (9-12)	Gates	303-471-7000
	9375 Cresthill Lane	Secretary: Pam	fax: 303-471-7007
	Highlands Ranch, CO	Allen	
	80126		
	Ponderosa High School	Principal: Bill	Phone:
1	<u>(9-12)</u>	Larson	303-805-6200
,	7007 E. Bayou Gulch	Secretary: Donna	fax: 303-805-6201
٠.	Road	Henkel	:
	Parker, CO 80134		
	ThunderRidge High	Principal: Jim	Phone:
	School (9-11 only)	Wallendorf	303-471-3200
	1991 Wildcat Reserve	Secretary: Ricki	fax: 303-471-3201
	Parkway	Smith	
	Highlands Ranch, CO		
	80126		

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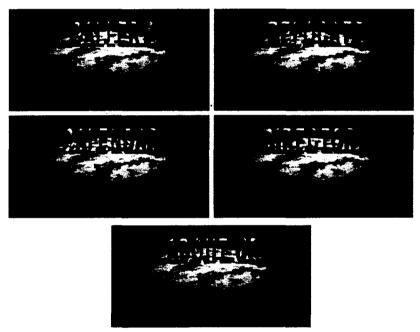
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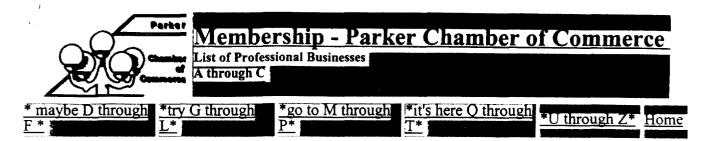




Welcome To The Parker Chamber Of Commerce! The Members Guide and Events Calendar and Photo Gallery are in place, but soon we will add a Relocation Guide and more. Put a bookmark here and come back soon!



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Festivals - Douglas County, Colorado

Elizabeth Art and Music Festival

Musicians, weavers, quilt makers, potters, farriers. These artists are not only from Elizabeth, but from across Colorado and adjoining states. They bring their talents to rustic Casey Jones Park the weekend before Labor day for a celebration of yesteryear; 646-4287.

Franktown Fall Festival

The Franktown Chamber of Commerce annually brings together the business community and county residents with arts and crafts, children's activities, antiques displays, prize drawings, and food. The celebration lasts for two days -- usually in September; 688-5301.

Renaissance Festival

Medieval jousting knights, lavishly dressed lords and ladies, and rough-hewn folk of questionable character all descend on the town of Larkspur on weekends from early June to late July. An entry fee allows people to roam the grounds -- where falconers, belly dancers and jesters entertain. Arts and crafts booths abound, along with tons of hearty finger foods to please every palate. The festival is owned privately, and is not an official community event; 688-6010.

Douglas County Fair, Parade and Barbecue

The Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce sponsors this parade to celebrate the August county event -- a fair emphasizing 4-H entries, country singers and agricultural events. Oozing with old-fashioned small-town charm, the parade features 4-H and other local entries, marching bands, and groups from every corner of Colorado. The event is topped off with a barbecue, crafts fair and other entertainment at Old Courthouse Square; 688-4597.

Castle Rock Starlighting Ceremony

For 60 years, the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce and the Castle Rock Fire Department have sponsored the lighting of the star atop the Castle Rock. The event occurs the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and includes caroling, a visit by Santa Claus and a chili supper, sponsored by the Castle Rock Fire Department; 688-4597.

Colorado Scottish Festival

This two-day event each year in August in Highlands Ranch, unites people of Scottish heritage from around the world to celebrate Scottish customs and participate in authentic Scottish games such as the caber toss, stone throw and Scottish dancing; 798-0844.

Parker Country Christmas

Conducted annually each December in downtown Parker, it's the largest parade in Colorado of horses and carriages, with an average of 100 entries per year. The annual carriage parade starts a week-long series of events including Christmas tree lighting, chili dinner, Saturday pancake breakfast and arts and crafts show; 841-4268.

Parker Country Festival

Three-day summer celebration of the country lifestyle with huge arts and crafts fair, food booths, live entertainment, a street dance, dog show, pie-eating contest, local talent show, and Kids' Day; 841-4268.

ArtFest

Annual fine arts show at Castle Rock's Old Courthouse Square features the artwork of more than 80 regional artists. Included in the September weekend are live musical entertainment, a children's area and a variety of food booths; 688-4597.

Highlands Ranch Fall Festival

This two-day community celebration of fall is held in October with entertainment, arts and crafts, a pumpkin carving contest and other events; 791-8958.

Larkspur Fall Festival

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A two-day community celebration is held in October with food, entertainment, petting zoo, hay rides, arts and crafts, contests, games, bake sale and cake walk. Proceeds benefit Town Park; 681-2324.

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Medical Services

Alternative Healthcare of Parker, P.C. (303) 840-9620 Parker

Castle Rock Medical Clinic (303) 688-0660 Castle Rock

Doctors Care for Kids Clinic (medical bill assistance) (303) 730-1313 Littleton

Douglas Conty Family Allergy and Asthma Clinic (303) 660-1256 Castle Rock

Elizabeth Family Center (303) 646-4071 Elizabeth

Highlands Ranch Walk-In (303) 791-2222 Highlands Ranch

Kiowa Healthcare Center (303) 621-2039 Kiowa

Neurological Disorders/Rehabilitation Unit (303) 778-1955 . . . Denver

Parker Medical Clinic (303) 841-4028 Parker

Plum Creek Medical Emergency Services (303) 688-6900 Castle Rock

Tri-County Health Department (303) 663-7650 Castle Rock

Women's Cancer Screening (303) 761-1340 Castle Rock

PARKER PARKER

Douglas County

Population: 19,000

Government: Mayor & Town Council

Sales Tax: 7.8%

Utilities: Gas & Electric - Public Service Co., Mountain View Elec. Assoc., Peoples Natural Gas

Intermountain Rural Elec. Assoc.; Water

- special districts and city; Trash -

private contractors

Median Income: \$52,560

Average Home Price: \$180,000 School District: Douglas County

When you arrive in the town of Parker, what you'll see amid the rolling plains is a growing community of new shops, low buildings, new home communities and lots of open space. You'll feast your eyes on a panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains from Pikes Peak - sixty miles to the southwest, to Long's Peak - an equal distance to the northwest.

Parker's very modest beginning came in 1860, when a one-room shack was moved from Pine Grove over to Cherry Creek to serve as a stage stop called, appropriately, the Twenty-Mile House. It was twenty miles from the origination point of the Butterfield stage, what today is the intersection of Colorado Boulevard and Colfax Avenue in bustling Denver. The humble little shack grew into a ten room Inn, changed hands twice and finally became a major stopping point for the railroad in 1882 under the ownership of James Sample Parker.

What doesn't show when you're in Parker today are the scars that ravaged the area during the 1930's depression when the bank was robbed, railroad tracks were washed out and low produce prices almost wiped out the small village.

It was a struggle just to hang on for the next thirty years, but the same impetus that first created a need for the Twenty-Mile House, provided the resuscitation the little town needed to become the hub of one of the fastest growning areas in the state today. That impetus was Denver.

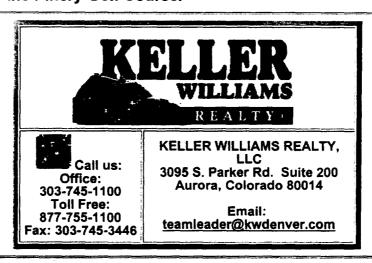
Denver, twenty miles to the northwest, was

getting crowded. Developers and planners wisely looked to this area and found a beautiful environment where rural living could combine with modern day necessities, where country pleasures would join with today's desired amenities. Today, the Parker governmental agencies and residents are striving to insure that this beautiful rural area is not spoiled by over-building and lack of planning. Beautiful walking and biking trails and equestrian facilities abound in the Parker vicinity.

Historic Franktown, located only seven miles south of Parker, was the original site of the Douglas County seat and the location of the first gold find in Colorado.

For those who desire acreage or stable facilities, the Parker area and Douglas County abound with a variety of choices. While driving around the Parker area, one might imagine they are in Kentucky with all the beautiful rolling green hills. with rail fences. horses, stables, arenas and barns in the area. Pick-up trucks and large horse trailers are a familiar sight on Douglas County roads.

Other amenities in the area include a recreation center, a new public library and two golf courses, the new Canterberry Golf Course and the Pinery Golf Course.



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Service organizations - Douglas County, Colorado

Moving to a new community creates new opportunities for new friendships and new forms of leisure time. Douglas County has many service clubs and social organizations for residents to socialize and benefit the community at the same time.

Here's a partial list:

Optimists: The Optimist motto is "Friend of Youth," with programs encouraging youth leadership and achievement, respect for the law, and active interest in good government and civic affairs.

- Castle Rock Chapter: meets at 7 a.m. each Thursday at Mr. Manners Restaurant. Dues \$15 per quarter, 35 members. Call George Hoffman, 660-8095.
- Highline Chapter, serves Highlands Ranch: meets at 7:15 a.m. each Wednesday at Marie Callendar's Restaurant at 51 W. Dry Creek Ct. Dues \$21 per quarter, 38 members. Call Bill Andresen, 791-0115.
- Parker Optimist Club: meets at 7 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Pinery Country Club. Dues \$12 per quarter, 35 members. Call John Charchalis, 841-2111.

Jaycees: The Jaycee motto is "Leadership training through community service" with programs serving young men and women primarily in the 21-39 age group. Check with state Jaycees for local branch information.

Civitan Club: This service organization focuses on children with special needs, particularly involved with Special Olympics and Horsepower. They lend financial and volunteer support to other community projects as well. Meetings are held at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Douglas-Elbert Board of Realtors. Call Alan Whitelock, 660-0860.

Rotary Club: Rotary is an international organization of business and professional men and women devoted to community and vocational services.

- Castle Rock: meets at 7 a.m. every Wednesday at Village Inn, 31 members. Call Al Wonstolen, 688-4633.
- Parker: meets at 7 a.m. every Thursday at the Pinery Country Club, 47 members. Call Patty Bowman, 841-8333 (H) or 751-4300 (W).
- Littleton South: meets at 12 p.m. every
- Thursday at Lone Tree Country Club, 38 members. President, Bob Nissen, 220-5720.

Douglas County Sertoma Club: Business professionals providing "service to mankind," through fund-raising efforts which benefit a variety of local causes. Luncheon meetings at noon the first and third Wednesday of the month at Castle Rock Village Inn. Call John Kokish, 688-3045.

Douglas County Lions Club: Membership of 14 includes the women's counterpart to the Lions, the "Lionesses". Focuses on serving youth needs; works with the local schools to determine those needs. Sponsors of an Easter Egg Hunt and a holiday dinner to the Castle Rock Senior Center each year. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Mr. Manner's Restaurant. Call Glenn Johann, 688-8379.

Parker Sunrise Lions Club: This group of 28 is involved in fund raising for community service and meets the third Wednesday of each month at Philomena's at 7 a.m. Call Lonnie Farmer, 841-3332.

Parker Breakfast Club: This informal group of 40 members sponsors weekly programs which address community issues as well as broader issues with potential local impact. Meets at 7 a.m. each Monday. Call Cindy Murphy, 791-2129.

D.C.C.O.Y. (Douglas County Committee on Youth): Volunteer, non-profit organization comprised of parents, students, law enforcement, community and school professionals and other interested citizens to plan activities and offer programs for youth focusing on drug and alcohol prevention. Meets every other month. Information: 688-4736.

American Red Cross Arapahoe/Douglas County: Assists people affected by disasters and provides health education classes such as first aid and CPR. A two-hour orientation, held once a month for new volunteers, is free for interested individuals. Call Vicki Nicholson, 781-5511.

Volunteers for Children's Hospital of Denver-Highlands Ranch Chapter: Provides fund-raising for the hospital and support to parents with hospitalized children. Semi-monthly meetings. Call Helen Lenda, 791-2238.

Golden Highlanders of Highlands Ranch: Highlands Ranch residents over 50 years of age provide community service through Highlands Ranch Community Association and the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan Districts, and to local schools. Social activities and outreach programs help those in need of all ages. Meets at 7 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Highlands Ranch Recreation Center; 150 members. Call the Highlands Ranch Recreation Center at 791-2500.

Douglas Masonic Lodge 153 - AF & AM: Fraternal society of men organized to build better character and bring out the best in each man. Not a religion, but religious, the organization of 110 members supports a variety of charitable causes. Meets second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Third and Wilcox in Castle Rock: Dues are \$30 yearly. Call Russel Cummings, 688-3382.

Martha Chapter - Order of the Eastern Star: Fraternal organization of men and women affiliated with the Masons. They raise funds for charitable causes and meet the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Third and Wilcox, Castle Rock. Membership is 120 members; \$12 annual dues. Call Idella Cummings, 688-3382.

Eagles and Auxiliary F.O.E. 3947: This fraternal order has 380 men and 380 women members who provide community support to local and national charities. Men meet second and fourth Tuesday, women first and third Tuesday at the lodge, 1300 Caprice St., Castle Rock. Call Linda Arduser, 688-3947.

Castle Rock VFW Post & Auxiliary 10578: VFW men members who have served in a conflict outside the borders of the continental United States; the women are related to someone who served. Meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Castle Rock Senior Center. Membership includes 100 men and 65 women with annual dues around \$20. The group sponsors community blood drives, a scholarship program, Americanism and safety programs in the schools. Call Howard Boling, 688-3517 or Helen Gustafson, 688-5473.

Parker VFW Post & Auxiliary 4266: Membership includes 35 in the men's group and 18 women in the ladies auxiliary, with \$20 annual dues. Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at Parker fire station, 10795 S. Pine Drive. Call Clay Baden, 841-0271.

American Legion & Auxiliary: Harry C. Miller Post 1187 and its ladies' auxiliary meet in Castle Rock on the first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Eagles' Club. The group is a veterans' service organization, intended to serve vets as well as widows, orphans and relatives of those who served during specific wartime periods. President is Dale Erickson.

American Legion Parker Post 1864: Newly created post for veteran's service organization meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Parker House Restaurant. Tom Oliver, 840-2433.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Members are women descendents of Revolutionary War patriots. Group conducts historical, educational and patriotic activities. Monthly meetings, usually third Sat. of month. Call Lily Budd 688-9652.

Arts & Humanities Council: The 100-member council promotes Douglas County arts and humanities, arranging gallery and juried art shows for local and Colorado artists, and sponsoring theater and dance productions. A resource for elementary schools, the council has plans to place art in public places. Family, individual, patron, sponsor and senior memberships available. Monthly meetings. Call Ginger Hodges, 660-9752.

Douglas County Historical Preservation Board: This group of county residents serves the community and local government by working to identify and preserve historic landmarks. They inventory the county's resources, make recommendations on new development applications, and participate in and provide educational programs and opportunities to preserve the county's history. Monthly meetings. Call Clyde Jones, 841-4224.

Castle Rock Historical Society: Established in 1992, the society's primary goals are historic preservation and education. Future projects include the purchase and conversion of the historic Denver and Rio Grande Depot to a local museum, and the placing of historic markers on Castle Rock's landmark buildings. Meetings are open to the public, and held the third Monday of the months of September, November, January, March and May, and feature speakers with topics of local historic interest. Call Starr Oberlin, 688-9053.

Highlands Ranch Historical Society: Non-profit corporation brings together people interested in history, especially that of Highlands Ranch. Organization is involved with historic research, site surveys, collecting oral histories, and community service programs. Meets at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Ranch Library on the last Wednesday of each month. Call Donna Rood, 791-3438.

Historic Franktown: Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with goal of researching, recording and preserving historic artifacts, events, sites, and oral histories in Franktown area. Maintains the only public museum in Douglas County, located in the old one room school house at the Franktown fire station at junction of Highway 83 (south Parker Road) and Highway 86. Tours available. New members welcome at meetings held quarterly at the museum. Call Connie Bull, 660-9072.

Parker Area Historical Society: The Parker Area Historical Society was established to research, record and preserve historic events and sites in the Parker area and publicly display findings D historic artifacts and literature. Formed for educational purposes, PAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Parker Public Library, Crossroads Center in Parker. Programs cover a wide range of historic matters. Visitors welcome. Call Call Karen Kievic, 841-6048.

Mountain Pine Woman's Club: Parker-area group is a member of the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs. Several departments for social, intellectual and community development; members volunteer for community needs at women's crisis center, senior center, library, etc. They raise funds for local scholarships and encourage fine arts and crafts. Dues are \$30 yearly with 40 members. General meetings are first Thursday of each month. Call Judy Ford, 840-8232 or Nancy Brandon, 840-9017.

American Association of University Women: Any graduate, man or woman, of an accredited university or college is welcome to become a member of AAUW. Promotes equity for women in education, self-development over the life span, and positive societal change. Castle Rock: general meeting third Wednesday of each month at the Board of Realtors, with interest groups meeting at other times during the month. Castle Rock Branch: Call Lou Kirkland, 660-0835. Parker: call Terry Kania, 841-0101.

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado: Non-profit, non-political organization of volunteers working together to improve public lands, including improvement of wildlife and river habitats. Trail building, tree planting, construction of board walks and nature trails in cities and wilderness. Call 830-7792.

Civil Air Patrol: The Air Force auxiliary has three missions: emergency services (air and ground search and rescue), cadet program through age 21, and aerospace education. There are three squadrons serving Douglas County.

• Devils Head Squadron: meeting for senior members, flying/emergency services only; meets at 6:30

p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of the month at Castlewood fire station, 12080 E. Briarwood Ave. (across from Centennial Airport). Call Lt. Col. Al Risbeck, 688-2460.

• Parker Cadet Squadron: meets 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Pinery fire station, 8165 Hillcrest. Call

Major Dave Adamson, 841-5897.

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• Douglas Composite Squadron: for cadets and seniors, meets 7 a.m. 9 a.m. on Mondays at Franktown fire station. Cadet Program meets each Monday, Senior Program meets first and third Monday of each month. Call Major Ron Macke, 841-0630 (W), 922-1642 (H).

Douglas County Garden Club: Affiliated with the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, gardeners of all ages share ideas and information on topics from herbs to roses, and flower arranging to landscaping. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Call Char Bever; 688-3898.

Skyline Chorus Sweet Adelines: This 130-member musical educational group specializes in barbershop performance. Meets every Tuesday night, 7:30 p.m. Main purpose is to provide entertainment for the community and educate members. Call Ilene McMahon, 761-3937.

Colorado Ducks Unlimited: International organization supporting wildfowl habitat. Douglas County chapter holds annual banquet and auction, about 200 members. Call Wayne Sellman, 699-5062.

Trout Unlimited: National environmental organization concerned with the cold water fish and resources. Six chapters in the Denver/Colorado Springs area, devoted to fishing, lobbying and stream improvement projects. Call 220-7766.



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